

FY 2001 President's Budget for USGS

There is change occurring at the U.S. Geological Survey, because USGS must be poised to enter this new century as a sleeker, stronger, and more flexible Federal science agency. USGS is changing to provide the discipline-based and integrated science on which people have come to depend.

The increase in the FY 2001 President's budget for USGS is the largest in USGS history. It will expand USGS core programs to promote understanding of the balance among earth's living communities and will provide information to decisionmakers facing the challenges

of managing these communities and the lands on which they live.

The **USGS budget request for FY 2001 is \$895 million, a net increase of \$82 million over the FY 2000 enacted budget.** Included in this amount is an increase of \$18 million to cover uncontrollable costs such as salary increases. Additionally, the budget contains decreases of \$22.2 million representing projects that are nearing completion or lower priority projects being ended in FY 2001. The FY 2001 budget highlights the relevance of USGS science to improved understanding of the changing world. In FY 2001, USGS will

be part of the Administration's "Lands Legacy" initiative, which provides funding for conservation. There is \$50 million in the USGS budget request to assist communities and local and state governments in dealing with issues related to urban growth, smart growth initiatives, and protecting natural resources in a sustainable manner. These are described below under Community/Federal Information Partnerships; Urban Dynamics — Decision Support; and Decision Support for Resource Management. USGS core programs will be expanded; organized in four overarching initiatives:

Safer Communities

+\$ 7.1 million

Earthquakes	+ 2.6 million
Volcanoes	+ 0.5 million
Floods	+ 4.0 million

Livable Communities

+\$ 47.0 million

Urban Dynamics – Decision Support	+\$ 10.0 million
Community/Federal Information Partnerships	+\$ 30.0 million
Accessible Data Transfer	+\$ 2.0 million
Landsat	+\$ 5.0 million

Sustainable Resources for the Future

+\$ 15.3 million

Columbia River – Aquatic Resources	+\$ 4.0 million
Great Lakes	+\$ 0.5 million
Greater Yellowstone Area	+\$ 0.4 million
Mojave Desert	+\$ 0.4 million
Decision Support for Resource Management	+\$ 10.0 million

America's Natural Heritage

+\$ 16.7 million

DOI Priorities	+\$ 15.0 million
DOI Science Priorities	[+\$ 13.0 million]
Amphibian Research and Monitoring	[+\$ 2.0 million]
Fish and Wildlife Disease	+\$ 1.0 million
Cooperative Research Units	+\$ 0.7 million